

SWANSEA  
TOWN COUNCIL  
GENERAL MEETING  
JULY 15, 2019

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Jerald Sanders  
Councilman Woodrow Davis  
Councilwoman Linda Butler  
Councilman David Martin  
Councilman Michael Luongo

**GENERAL MEETING**

The Swansea Town Council held its monthly meeting at the Swansea Municipal Building 320 West Third Street, Swansea, SC.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Jerald Sanders, confirming the media was notified and the agenda had been posted at Swansea Town Hall and the Police Department. The pledge of allegiance was recited by all present. We were then led in prayer by councilman Woodrow Davis.

Mayor asked, if there was consideration to approve the minutes from the General Meeting of July 15, 2019. A motion via Councilman Woodrow Davis was presented and second by Councilwoman Linda Butler. It was a unanimous vote in favor.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor shared the following:

- Our Water Main Replacement is nearing the end almost completed.
- We are way ahead of scheduled
- He wanted to thank staff and the people that made it happen.
- We are half way through paving the street in the town, something that was long overdue.

- We are still working on our lighting project. We re looking at what it would cost to put new LED lights within our community.
- We are talking with several companies about getting new LED signs to broadcast our varies meetings and events. Where it would be seen in town at the fountain area.
- We spoke with two new entities that is looking to open up business within our town.
- Mayor, thanked again the Staff and Volunteers who help with our First Pre-Independence Day -July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. The ones that attended had a great time. We look forward to the second-year of festivities being bigger and better.
- Councilwoman Linda Butler is having her Back to School function this Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, who will host the event on 321 and 692.
- Councilwoman Butler and Mayor attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for Family Dollar/ Dollar Stop stores.
- Councilwoman Butler and Mayor formulate a new partnership to help out those within our community.

### **WATER AND SEWER REPORT**

Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission and E. A. Services are still partnering with the Town working with Kevin and Bubba with our water. If you see flushing from our hydrants that is a routine schedule that they are doing to keep the water moving in our community. You will see this periodically.

### **STREET MAINTENANCE**

Carlton Moore had 12 trips to the landfill, grass cutting and basic clean up chores. Councilman Luongo, asked When Bubba is cleaning tree limbs, if that is a service the town provides to town residents. Bubba's indicated it was done in the town so that no one would burn in town or impact one's breathing and the elderly, people who could not haul them off. Therefore, the town volunteer. Mayor, clarified it is small debris that can be placed in a bag for pick up. Councilman Martin shared with Luongo and council we did have some guidelines with the limbs to be less than 3 feet long. Councilman Luongo wanted to know how the

streets limbs were picked up? Mayor and bubba shared, one with a grabber and the other with hands for pick up.

### **THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Sgt. James H. Stones new police officer present for Chief Hayes who was on vacation. He has been with the police department for 19 years' experience in law enforcement. He started with the with the Military Police, and received most of training and experience with the Richland County Sheriff Department, some in South Congaree and now in Swansea.

He shared 6 houses were broken in on Graceland. A resident found 4 four-wheelers on South Lawrence street. Narcotics is his forte, just in the past 2 weeks, he pulled lots of Meth 2 people got charged with trafficking Meth, that means over 10 grams minimum for trafficking which is a minimum of 25 years charge. While passing through town they had lots of Heroin and small amounts of Marijuana. In his two weeks here, he is on his 6 Meth cases 3 Heroin countless Marijuana.

### **OPEN FORUM**

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The Mayor presented **Memorandum of Agreement** (MOA) for the provision of secure detention services with the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice's (SCDJJ) Detention Center for the fiscal year 2019-2020. If there was a consideration to give him permission to sign this document for another year. Councilman Martin questioned, if there were any changes from last year. He was informed, by Mayor no. Therefore, he presented a motion to proceed to sign the document for another year and second by Councilwoman Butler. The motion carried and it was unanimous.

Mayor asked Council, if they needed to discuss the next item in Executive Session. However, Councilman Luongo had questions. If they were talking about the property on Hwy 6 and the white building. He had questions, if they were ready to do that. "If we had did a lien check and all that stuff." Mayor informed Luongo and Council the town attorney Sidney Evering was handling that for the town.

Councilman Luongo wanted to know if it was out of Probate. Mayor Sanders informed Luongo and Council it was out of Probate. He had spoken with Ms. Smith on several occasions. She in fact, called him to see if the town was still interested in purchasing the property. The amount originally request was \$3000 and was reduced by \$500.00 for the town. Mayor did share with Ms. Smith yes; the town was still interested and ready to move forward. Councilman Martin presented a motion to proceed with the request and second via Councilman Luongo. It was a unanimous motion carried.

Mayor, ...If there was a consideration to go into Executive Session, a Motion was presented by Councilman Luongo and second via Councilman Davis.

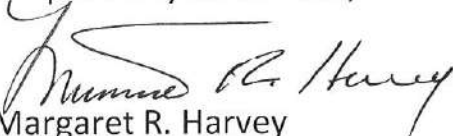
While in Executive Session there were no votes taken. Mayor asked, if there was a motion to come out of Executive Session, motion put on the floor via Councilman David Martin and second by Councilman Davis.

Mayor asked, if there was any other business to discuss by Council tonight. It was then a question was asked by an attendee, she was late and wanted to know if Council voted to acquire the land. Councilman Luongo responded, no we did not Council was looking to pursue the next steps legally.

Another attendee Samuel Smith inquired how to get incorporated into the city, he currently stays on Lee Witt Road. Mayor informed him the staff at town hall would assist him with paper work to get annex into the city, notarized and file with the county and two readings.

With no other business at hand, it was requested for a consideration for a motion of adjournment. A motion put on the floor for adjournment via Councilman Woodrow Davis and Second by Councilman David Martin. The motion carried, and the Town Council meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,



Margaret R. Harvey

Clerk treasurer

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